completed the projects. As per the utilization certificates/proposals received during the current year, there was no pendency in the projects for which funds were released during 2004-05.

**Prohibition**

†767. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been propagating for prohibition in the country following the ideology of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that recently Government have written letters to the Chief Secretaries of all the States requesting them to encourage people in the country to drink alcohol, reduce the registration fee for wine factories and make wine available in super market etc; and

(c) if so, whether Government have abandoned the ideology of the Father of Nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Government is propagating for prohibition of consumption of intoxicating drinks following the Directive Principles as enshrined in the Constitution of India. The Ministry is implementing the scheme for prevention of alcoholism and substance abuse through voluntary organisations for providing counselling, preventive awareness, treatment and rehabilitation of persons addicted to alcoholism.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

**Committee on status of Muslims**

768. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee to prepare a factual report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time frame set for submission of the report;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.